persons who do not fulfil the prescribed criteria by the NTPC, the case of the remaining person is being reviewed.

Production of Terbutaline

957. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has attained self-sufficiency in the production of terbutaline, Mebendazole and Danazol;

(b) whether it is a fact that the production of these drugs is much more than the country's requirement;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to ban the import of these drugs; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Demand and production of Mebendazole, Terbutaline and Danazol for the year 1985-86 are given below:—

Item	Demand	Production
Mebendazole/Thiabendazole	43 MT	33.01 MT
Terbutaline	290 Kg.	400 Kg.
Danazol	Not estimated	443.68 Kg.

Demand for drugs is not static as it depends on several factors such as rate obsolescence, introduction of newer and more potent drugs, cost of production etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The present circumstances do not as yet warrant the imposition of a ban on the import of these drugs.

Target for coal production

958. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for coal production during the Seventh Plan period, yearwise;

(b) what are the details of performance in the first two years of this plan period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the loss of production in the companies under Coal India Ltd. is quite large; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remove the constraints and to ensure increase in coal production?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The yearwise targets of coal production during the 7th Five Year Plan and actual production during first two years of the plan are as under:—

(in million tonnes)

Year	Target	Actual production
1985-86 . . .	154·50	154·24
1986-87 . . .	166·80	165·85
1987-88 . . .	183.50	
1988-89 . . .	203·20	
1989-90 . . .	226·00	

The target for 1988-89 is tentative.

(c) and (d) Against the target of 133.5 million tonnes in 1985-86 and 143.5 million tonnes in 1986-87, the actual production of the companies under Coal India Limited was 134.11 and 144.77 million tonnes respectively which was higher than the target prescribed for the respective years.

Energy Conservation in the Country

959. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Advisory Board on Energy (ABE) has recommended the enactment of a law and for creation of a separate organisation for energy conservation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the full details of the recommendations made by Advisory Board on Energy;

(c) whether these recommendations have been accepted by Government; and

(d) if so, to what extent the recommendations of the ABE will play a catalytic role in energy conservation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Advisory Board has suggested that a suitable energy conservation law should be adopted after it has been debated upon a national scale. A study has been commissioned by the Board to prepare a draft legislation on the subject. The Board has also emphasised the need for a separate organisation to promote energy conservation in the country.

(c) The question of having an energy conservation law is still in its nascency. The suggestion of having a separate organisation for energy conservation is under examination.

(d) Since both the recommendations are yet to be examined, it is not possible to comment on the effect of the same at this stage.

Recoveries under the Drug Prices Equalisation Account

960. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 616 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether any amount has since been collected under Drug Prices Equalisation Account from any of the parties whose amount have been worked out; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the slow recovery and what are the reasons for not opening separate recovery cell under his Ministry;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not taken any concrete steps towards recovery of unintended benefits made by Drug Industry; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No further amounts has so far been deposited into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account by the companies concerned.

(b) to (d) Efforts are being made to recover the amount expeditiously.

Committee on inputs for bulk drugs

961. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a committee to identify the inputs used for the production of bulk drugs from the basic stages for the purpose of reduction in customs duty; if so, what are the details of the recommendations of the Committee; and